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TRANSMITTAL MEMORANDUM

Date: August 24, 2009

RE: Docket No. 2009-0048, Molokai Public Utilities, Inc.

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	X	08/20/09	Electronic mail comment from Beverly Boyer, Atlas Building Supplies
	X	08/22/09	Electronic mail comment from Gerald and Edith Anderson

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REMARKS:



"Beverly Boyers "
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To <Hawaii.puc@hawaii.gov>,
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Subject Molokai Ranch water rate increase

BELOW IS A MEMO I EMAILED TO MOLOKAI RANCH YESTERDAY (8/19/09) AND THEY SUGGESTED THAT I EMAIL YOU, SO THAT YOU HAVE OTHER INPUT BESIDES JUST PROTESTING. LET'S PUT THINGS INTO PERSPECTIVE!

THE ACTIVISTS SEEM TO BE ANTI-MOLOKAI RANCH, DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE RANCH HAS HELPED MOLOKAI FOR MANY, MANY YEARS, AND THEY HAVE LOST MONEY FOR MANY, MANY YEARS. NOW THAT THEY ARE PRACTICALLY GONE FROM THE ISLAND AND WHAT LITTLE THEY HAVE TO DEAL WITH ON MOLOKAI; CUT THEIR LOSSES AND START MAKING A LITTLE PROFIT – THE PEOPLE DON'T LIKE IT AND PROTEST PRACTICALLY EVERYTHING THE RANCH IS DOING HERE. IT'S NOT FAIR TO THE RANCH TO HAVE TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE WATER ON MOLOKAI AT A LOSS.

RESPECTFULLY YOURS

Ms. Hammond:

I received your notice about the upcoming community meeting here on Molokai. As a business woman and a consumer, I have the following input that should be addressed to the community. I cannot attend the meeting, so I thought I'd email my input.

1. Molokai Ranch dug a hole many years ago with the community by offering water at low costs and never increasing over the years. Now, the Ranch is trying to make up for some of the loss and start making a profit. (from a business standpoint, I totally understand).
2. I think the community should show some gratitude for the low/never increased water rates, and stop bickering when the Ranch wants to start making money instead of lose it from now on.
3. Even though I'm not looking forward to another HUGE jump in our business water bill, we all need to put the proposed rate increases into perspective:

Drinking water from the filtering system behind Kamoi Snack-n-Go	\$0.65 / gal
= \$650.00 / 1000 gal	
Drinking water from the grocery store	\$3.00 / gal
+ = \$3,000.00 / 1000 gal	
Gasoline @ 8/19/09	\$3.90 /
gal = \$3,900.00 / 1000 gal	
Dept of Water Supply-water usage K'kai (not incl. sewer chg-add \$14)	
\$16.11 / 1000 gal	
Molokai Ranch rate increase	
\$8.97 / 1000 gal	

So, when you look at it this way, it's not out of the way; the rates just should have been increased every year or so over the MANY past years. So, from this point on (whether rate is approved or not), the Ranch should start increasing rates each year or so, so they don't continue to get even deeper in debt.

Aloha,

Beverly Boyers
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Water Rate Increase

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September 22, 2009

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PER: Docket #2009-0048

Dear Sir,

As residents of the West End of Molokai for the past 22 years we wish to express our grave concerns in regard to rate increases proposed by Molokai Public Utilities Inc.

It is our view that until such time as Maui County takes over and operates all water services on Molokai the island and its residents will continue to suffer greatly. What is needed is a unified public utility service, something that is standard and in place in most parts of the United States and a plan that has worked successfully for decades in the many different places we have lived to the point that most citizens would never consider another option,

Viable, efficient and fair water systems that treat all residents equally while providing top-of-the-line services could become a reality given that Maui County already operates one water system on Molokai and has staff in place. It only makes sense to bring MPL and Wai'ola O Molokai, Inc. into the loop. As it is, cost-wise, having a private company in charge has led to inefficiency, misunderstanding and seemingly never ending requests for rate increases. The latter includes astounding use fees and meter reading charges. Until such a plan is executed, no resolution will be forthcoming.

Please consider such a plan - sooner than later so that we, the residents of Molokai and Maui County, can put this contentious issue to rest. Since water is such a precious commodity, this is not only the logical route to follow, but one that benefits all parties involved -including Maui County that is wasting both time and money on endless legal procedures related to water services on Molokai.

Thank you for your time and please consider the above along with the rate increase proposal that hit all residents - be they working or non-working and retired on fixed incomes or those trying to run small businesses that sustain us all.

Sincerely,

Gerald M. Anderson
Edith F. Anderson